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Sir:

We filed the above application with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 17, 2003. As of this date, we have not received a first Office Action from the Patent Office. Kindly advise us of the status of this application.

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